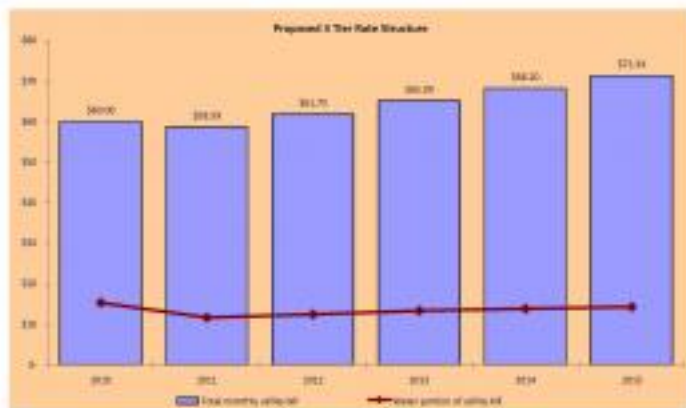


The Estimator



Water is our most precious commodity and adequate maintenance of the City's water system is critical in continuing to provide quality water service to all residences of West Linn. The City Charter provides for a "not to exceed 5 percent provision" of city water rates, but the Utility Advisory Board has recommended that rates need to increase more than 5 percent to fund the \$21 million of water maintenance projects listed in the Water Master Plan.

Accordingly, the City Council and the Utility Advisory Board are considering putting a proposal on the September 2010 ballot asking voters to consider increased water rates to fund these necessary projects.

Two online tools are available to residents to estimate what their utility bill would look like for a West Linn typical residence.

Tool #1 - Download the "The Estimator" spreadsheet (attached below) and enter your water used; and/or

Tool #2 - Go to our interactive webpage and enter your water used at:

<http://westlinnoregon.gov/finance/water-rate-calculator>

Here is a summary on the different water rate structures:

- Current Rate Structure (first 7 units of water are included in base - one usage rate is charge per unit over 7 units)
- Proposed 3 Tier Conservation Rate Structure (progressive usage rates in three tiers: 0-10 units, 11-30, and over 30 units of water)
- Proposed 1 Tier Conservation Rate Structure (one usage rate is charged per unit for all units of water used)

Supporting Documents

 ["The Estimator" \(a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet\)](#)

- [Finance](#)

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